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URGE MEAT BOARD TO EXPORT BEEF CATTLE TO U.S.

Farm Production Aims for Coming Year Set Forth

ALBERTA FIRST IN ESTIMATE OF HOG PRODUCTION, 1945

Arrangements for Beef Shipment
to Britain to Continue
Unchanged Through 1946

MINISTER GIVES VIEWS

States Canada's Interest Better
Served by Not Shipping
Cattle to U.S. Now

By M. McDOUGALL
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Dec. 13th.—The Dominion Provincial Agricultural Conference was greatly aided in laying the general lines of its production program for 1945 by the assurance of stable demand from the major markets for many farm products.

Minister States Position

The Minister of Agriculture put this in clear form in his closing remarks to the Conference. "Britain wants as many hogs, as much beef, as much wheat (and large quantities of other farm products) in 1945 as she got in 1944. Other countries too are asking for these commodities," he said.

At the conference and later, answering a question in the House of Commons, the Minister said that the arrangements for the shipments of beef to Britain in 1945 are to continue through 1946 on the same basis and in the same amount as in 1945. He was emphatic in the opinion, at the Conference and also in the House, that this country would be better served by not shipping cattle to the United States for the time being. They were having their packing difficulties over there just as we have in Canada, he said. "The British market is open for all the surplus beef Canada can produce," he declared, the United States being just as anxious that Canadian beef should not be imported at this time to add to the difficulties they are experiencing across the border.

Livestock Situation Set Forth

The livestock situation is impressively shown in the production aims for 1945. The cattle figure is set at 1,420,000 head, an increase on 1944 of 8 per cent. The program asks for 766,000 calves (10 per cent above 1944) while for hog marketing the figure remains at 8,850,000, the production figure for 1944. Contracts with Britain for bacon and ham have also been extended to 1946 on the same basis as for 1945.

The Conference was told that bacon production in Canada has gone from one objective to another on an upward scale, until in 1944 our most optimistic estimates have been exceeded. It was emphasized that at the same time quality has been kept up. The premiums on Grades A1 and B hogs will continue for six months after the close of the war.

In the estimated hog production, the Province of Alberta is in first place, with Ontario in second and Saskatchewan third. In cattle, with

Farm Leader to Retire from Presidency



When at the forthcoming Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta in the third week in January, Robert Gardiner concludes fourteen years' service as President of the Association, he will not be a candidate for re-election. Word to this effect was conveyed by Mr. Gardiner to the U.F.A. Executive, which met in Calgary last week. Mr. Gardiner has not been in the best of health of late.

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a Dominion estimated production of 1,420,000, Ontario is expected to deliver 428,000 head, Alberta 378,500 and Saskatchewan 345,000, the next

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The first UNRRA training course to be held in Britain, for people who are to help with the repatriation of displaced persons in Europe, was opened recently at Reading.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Norman F. Priestley, general manager of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative, underwent an operation Wednesday morning in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton.

For violating W.P.T.B. regulations governing the sale of sugar, a Montreal wholesaler was fined \$18,000, on five charges.

STABILIZED AND ORDERLY MARKET PROGRAM NEEDED

Alberta Federation of Agriculture
in Annual Meeting Acts on
Important Issues

BUSINESSLIKE SESSIONS

Ask Permanent Grain Board as
Sole Marketing Agency—
Directors Elected

Purchase and export on the hoof to the United States of desirable beef cattle by the Canadian Meat Board, producers to be settled with on the basis of existing ceiling prices, was unanimously recommended by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in Annual Meeting in Calgary last week. It was pointed out that the purpose of such entry of cattle to the U.S. market would be defeated without a stabilized, orderly export marketing program, and the Meat Board was therefore asked to undertake such marketing immediately.

In businesslike sessions lasting two days, under the chairmanship of President Lew Hutchinson and a corps of assistant chairmen, the Convention took action upon a large number of issues of the most urgent importance to the farm people of Canada and the Dominion; and heard an address by Hon. George Hoadley, President of the Health Study Bureau, in which a national health policy, including that of insurance, and progress made in the health field, were most ably presented.

Tribute to Brunsdon

High tribute was paid by Mr. Hutchinson to the services which have been rendered by E. W. Brunsdon as secretary. "A great part of the success of the Federation is due to his very capable work," said the chairman. He congratulated Mr. Brunsdon on his appointment to the management of the E.I.D. Mr. Brunsdon pointed out that he will "not be leaving the farm movement",

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Canada's Largest Transport Plane Gets Its Test Flights



Here is Canada's largest transport plane the York, built at Malton, Ont. An adaptation of the Lancaster bomber, it will carry up to 50 passengers and cruise over 200 miles an hour. In the centre is a small, fast single-motored transport, dwarfed by its huge brother. The

aircraft illustrated is the only one of its type built at Malton. It was completed only because employees went ahead when an order for Yorks was cancelled while the first was being built. In such planes as this Canadians may cross the Atlantic after the war.

Alberta Wheat Pool Delegates in Annual Meeting

THE Alberta Wheat Pool Convention started in Calgary on Tuesday, November 28. The report of R. D. Purdy, General Manager, showed net earnings for the 1943-44 crop year of \$1,351,808.76 and grain handlings of 41,415,661 bushels. Some 436 country elevators and 3 terminals, 2 owned and 1 leased, are operated by Alberta Pool Elevators. Mr. Purdy said that the business transacted by the Alberta Wheat Pool is exceeded in size in this Province only by the business transacted by the Alberta Government.

"Divine Right of Profit"

J. H. Wesson of Regina, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, addressed the Convention of the Alberta Wheat Pool on Wednesday morning. Dealing with the cut of 2c a bushel in grain handling charges, Mr. Wesson said the Wheat Pools were organized to effect savings for the members and would continue to do so. Line elevator companies, on the other hand, are operated to make a profit from those who deliver grain to them. "Some people seem to think they have a divine right to make a profit from farmers in Western Canada," Mr. Wesson said. He calculated that the cut of 2c a bushel in grain handling charges would provide an additional \$10 million to the farmers in Western Canada this season, as other grain companies have followed the Pools' lead.

Mr. Wesson expressed approval of an international wheat agreement. He said the Canadian Wheat Board should be kept in operation and some stability provided for wheat prices. Such prices, he maintained, should not be fixed on "the daily haggle of the market." The present policy of wheat marketing ends in July next and the farmers should insist that it be extended. While wheat prices in Canada are not high as compared with wheat prices in the last war, Mr. Wesson said farmers generally are satisfied because of the stability of the market.

Decision Lies With Government

Dealing with the question of Federal income taxes and co-operatives, Mr. Wesson said that while a commission had been set up, the final decision lies in the hands of the Government of Canada. The future of the co-operative movement in Canada depends on the Government in power, he asserted.

Touching on the amalgamation of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and Livestock Co-operative, Mr. Wesson said the purpose was to strengthen the livestock organization so that it will have greater bargaining power in the post-war years.

"There is a demand for every bushel

of Canadian wheat which can be transported to the seaboard before the opening of navigation next spring." This statement was made by George McIvor, chief commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, in addressing the Alberta Wheat Pool convention Wednesday afternoon. He said it was possible that Canada's wheat carry-over, which was 353 million bushels last July, may be down to 200 million bushels by next July. Canada has the last remaining wheat surplus in the British Empire, Mr. McIvor said. While the United States will import fairly large quantities of Canadian wheat, the total will not be nearly as large as the 110 million bushels which were shipped south last crop year. However, enlarged demand from other countries will more than make up for lessened exports to the U.S.A.

Longer Wheat Outlook

With reference to the longer outlook for wheat, Mr. McIvor said the whole matter was involved in governmental policies and that no intelligent forecast could be made. Controlling factors are: attitude of European nations to production, the position of debtor countries in relation to availability of purchasing power, and the willingness and ability of the nations of the world to trade with one another to mutual advantage.

The Wheat Board is making every effort to induce shipping authorities to make more boats available for loading grain at Pacific ports, Mr. McIvor said. A winter export movement through Pacific ports would reduce the strain on eastern ports and provide a natural outlet for Alberta. "We are urging the authorities to use every endeavor to load wheat at Pacific ports within the limits of the availability of shipping," the speaker said.

The advisory committee of the Wheat Board is making a study of post-war possibilities in the world wheat trade. The chairman of that committee is Lew Hutchinson.

Regarding space in Alberta country elevators, Mr. McIvor said that in the south, generally speaking, plenty of space is available. In Central Alberta there are varying degrees of congestion, about 224 points being plugged. In the Peace River district shipments have been ample to take care of deliveries.

Manitoba Pool Results

George McConnell, Vice-President of the Manitoba Pool Elevators, addressed the Wheat Pool Convention and told of the progress made by his organization. Last year that organization handled 37 million bushels of grain, or 36.3 per cent of the total volume marketed. Net earnings were

\$2,567,000. Average handlings of the system of 212 elevators were 191,000 bushels. This year \$820,000 was allotted for payment to members. Net liquid capital is \$1,651,000 and members' equity \$3,184,000. Less than 5 per cent of the total business is done with non-members.

C.W.S. Delegates

A delegation from the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society attended the Alberta Wheat Pool Convention Thursday morning. It was composed of two directors, W. C. Hewitt and W. A. McPhail, and the flour mill manager, J. J. Lindsay, all of Glasgow.

They told the Pool delegates that they were on a tour of the Dominion in the hope of bringing closer economic union between Canada and Scotland.

The Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society does an annual business of \$170 million and the retail establishments \$200 million. There are 79 industries operated under the C.W.S. and 16,000 people are employed.

Mr. Hewitt said the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale operates an extensive flour milling business and buys one hundred per cent of its wheat in normal times from Canada. He thought Canadians should buy more from the Old Country. British co-ops have a membership of 9,000,000 and produce goods which could be readily sold in Canada at reasonable prices. The merchandise is of excellent quality.

Co-ops Stand Together

J. A. Marion of Montreal, a leader of the co-operative movement in Quebec Province, told the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates that he was pleasantly surprised at the way they carried on their business. He said he had attended the Pool Convention for several days and that the set-up was ahead of that in Quebec. The fact that seventy delegates represented nearly 60,000 members was a good thing in that all delegates could get a chance to express themselves and give the views of the people they represented. The delegates are given an opportunity to get full information about their own organization. They have a serious responsibility, however, as it is their duty to keep the membership fully informed. He said that the people in the co-operative movement in Eastern Canada have been told that the Federal Government had no intention of interfering with them but was going to 'get after the Wheat Pools of Western Canada which are huge business undertakings and not really co-operatives at all.' Mr. Marion said that this suggestion was entirely dispelled by his contacts with the Pool movement in Western Canada. He gave assurance that eastern co-operatives would stand shoulder to shoulder with those in the West. He said: "This is a solid bloc and we will not allow ourselves to be divided. We in the east are going to see it through along with you. No power in Canada can destroy us."

Mr. Marion is President of L'Union Catholique des Cultivateurs and Vice-President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. He was guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Alberta Wheat Pool, held in Calgary on Thursday night. He told the interesting story of the development of co-operation in Quebec and stressed particularly the success achieved by the credit unions in that Province. There are 360,000 members of credit unions with total liquid assets of over \$100 million. This large total is an accumulation of the small savings of thousands of people. Over \$30 million of it is invested in war bonds.

Mr. Marion said that the hope of a new world in the post-war years lies in the co-operative movement. Such a movement is a tremendous help to the common people and is the surest way of preventing future wars. He impressed upon his audience the necessity of education of the rank and file of co-operators through the holding of study groups. He thought the

idealistic side of the movement should be stressed just as much as the practical side.

Committees

When the Convention opened on Tuesday morning the chairmen of the committees were appointed as follows: John Fowle, Bindloss; Homer Montgomery, Nanton; J. M. Wheatley of Chancellor and Paul Redd, Raymond.

The following committees also were named during the initial session:

Order of business: C. A. Fawcett, Emil Cammaert and Allan Bagley.

Resolutions: H. Foreman, T. S. Montgomerie and William Powell.

Income Tax Discussion

M. M. Porter, solicitor for the Alberta Wheat Pool, addressed the Alberta Pool delegates on December 2nd, dealing with the income tax situation. He said that when a co-operative association has excess earnings it merely has charged its members too much. It was never intended that a co-operative should have income, said Mr. Porter.

The practice in the past has been to charge the going rate for similar services and to return excess earnings in the form of patronage dividends, Mr. Porter explained. That was merely a safe method of doing business, for the excess earnings could then be definitely determined at the end of the business year and disposed of according to co-operative practices. However, the same results can be obtained by reducing charges, which is merely prepaying patronage dividends.

A co-operative does not need income to survive, Mr. Porter explained. All (Continued on page 8)

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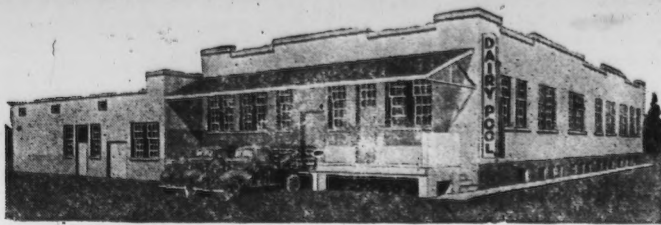
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Enclosed with your statement you will find a synopsis showing the increased volume of business handled by your organization since the year 1937.

Wishing you one and all,

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

President.

TO OUR PATRONS

Distribution of Final Payment 1943 Shipments

One of the highlights in the life of any Co-operative organization is the announcement of its annual savings, and the bearing it has on the members in their judgment of the success their organization has attained.

Your Board of Directors and your Management believe that the operation of your Dairy Pool in 1943 has further proven itself of substantial benefit to its members. Apart from being a financial reward for loyal patronage, the distribution of net savings should always be considered much more in the light of what it means as proof of efficient operation, and what it promises of further increased economy and encouragement to all members to keep on building up their organization, not only by continuity of unfailing support, but also by letting those of your fellow producers who as yet have not come around to the full understanding of the necessity of doing something themselves to improve their lot, hear about the good work of your organization.

We have continually emphasized the importance of volume, and again in 1943 the turnover of your business increased so that we were

able to effect savings as large as in 1942, despite actual increases in cost of material and services, of which the management had no control.

Distribution of 1½¢ Per Pound

Your Board of Directors have authorized a distribution of 1-1/2¢ per pound butterfat shipped to our plants in 1943, allocated as follows:

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As in former years, the amount issued in Participation Certificates will be used for retirement of the Association's Capital Debt. Therefore, any amount issued in Certificates simply means that instead of owing this money to the Bank, the members hold ownership in their organization in proportion to their holdings of Certificates. Let us endeavor to retire any money now owing. Let us continue to build up our organization, and one sure way is to see that we continue to increase our volume of business.

Up to Each Member

It is up to each member to do his bit. If given sufficient volume of cream, your management and staff will not fail you. In fact, our main satisfaction in carrying out our task is found in the pleasure it gives us to mail our members the savings accumulated during the year.

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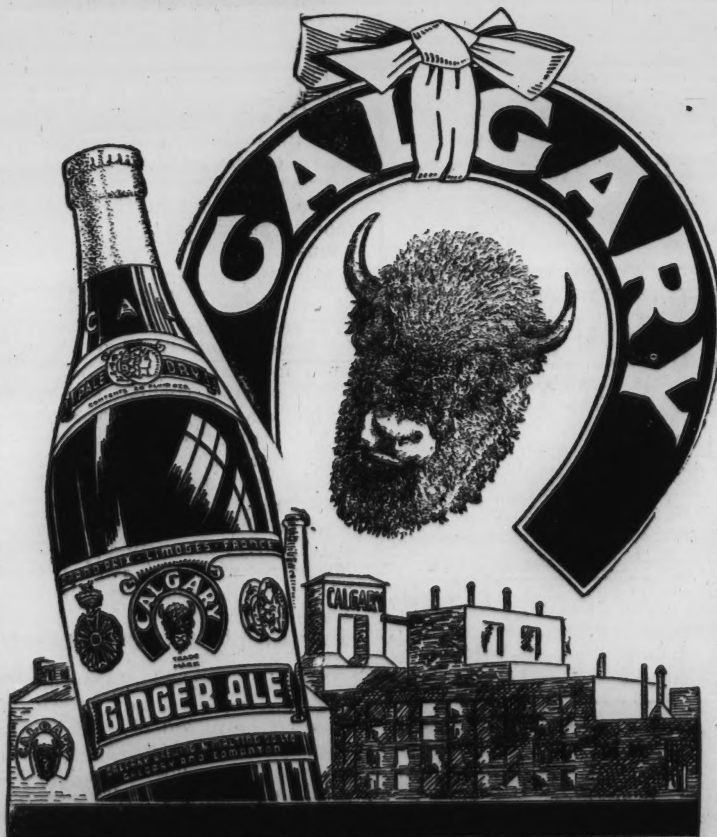
From the results of experiments in straw mulching of grain crops, conducted by Dominion Experimental

stations, it is seen that the application of a straw mulch produces greater yield increases on a stubble crop than on a fallow crop; application of the mulch, however, tends to lengthen the time of maturity by about three days.

Alberta honey production increased from one to five million pounds, between 1935 and 1944, Hon. D. B. MacMillan told the recent meeting of the Alberta Beekeepers' Association.

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A NOTABLE RECORD

As reported elsewhere in this issue, Robert Gardiner, whose address to the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta in January will be his fourteenth as President of the Association, has notified the U.F.A. Executive that he will not be a candidate for the Presidency on this forthcoming occasion. He does not today enjoy the best of health.

A very brief survey of Mr. Gardiner's long career of honorable service is also given in this issue. It is a distinguished record. In the role he has played in the farm movement of Western Canada from the early pioneering days onward, he has proved himself a devoted and courageous leader, first locally, then in wider fields.

A goodly number of his years of service were spent of course as chairman of the U.F.A. group which fought for the cause of agriculture and for every democratic cause in the Parliament at Ottawa.

Farmers opposed to organized farmer participation in parliamentary struggles as well as those who supported such action had this in common: all agreed that Western Agriculture and Canada as a whole benefited immeasurably from the work which the Alberta group, and its parliamentary allies, did for them in the House of Commons. In this verdict those hard-boiled critics, the members of the parliamentary press gallery, concurred.

The saving of many millions of dollars by Western farmers annually, by reason of the restoration of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement rates on grain, continues to this day—as the direct outcome of the action taken by farmer representatives at Ottawa in 1922 and 1923. That was only one of the major achievements of the group throughout the years.

From his younger days onward, Mr. Gardiner has been deeply interested in economics. Such a study, coupled with wide practical knowledge of agriculture and its problems, has given to his discussion of issues of the moment a background of the more permanent values.

We trust that in the years to come, the farm movement will continue to benefit greatly from his counsel.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

It seems to us that a great deal of the historical background of Western Canada may never be filled in adequately because it has been nobody's business in particular to assemble the material carefully as the years have gone by.

This danger is perhaps especially apparent in the farm movement. Some very important branches of the movement, particularly those engaged in commercial enterprise, have done very valuable work in this field—but the movement as a whole, particularly the primary movement, has lacked historians who have had time plus opportunity. Many of those who have helped to build the primary organizations have lacked the necessary leisure. They have been too engrossed in day to day activities.

This is regrettable, because a younger generation of farm people has now grown up largely in ignorance of the record of achievement of the pioneers. The new generation has its own problems; and the key to their solution cannot be found merely by recalling early struggles on the prairies. New times demand new measures, and a fresh outlook. But it remains true, nevertheless, that there is much in the history of the farm movement that

FROM YEAR TO YEAR

*The old year nears the ending of its story—
A blood-stained chapter in a troubled-tale.
Time will assess its shame and point its glory
From some far height that man has yet to scale.
Now on the virgin page of New Year's morning
Our hopes, our vows, we lavishly expend,
Nor pause to mark the ages' solemn warning
That no one year will mark the happy end.*

*Slowly we stumble forward, always striving
For some small gain to charter and record,
To speed the day that sees mankind contriving
An era that denies the flaming sword.
Posterity shall then seek further goals
To light the dreams that nourish human souls.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

might give inspiration and legitimate pride in their ancestry to the young farm people of today.

"GREY WOODED SOIL" AREAS

We trust the Dominion Government will speedily grant the request of the A.F.A. Convention that an experimental farm be established in the grey wooded soil area of Central Alberta "to develop and demonstrate farming practices suitable to these districts."

The discussion on this subject brought out a good deal of information on the possibilities of the grey wooded soil areas if these are properly developed. There seems reason to believe that land which has been regarded as of slight value can be made considerably to thrive. L. Hendrigan of Winfield, who has a positive understanding and practical knowledge of what might be achieved, made an impression on the Convention; and A. M. Wilson, Field Crops Commissioner, later gave important statistics on the areas of Alberta which still have possibilities for settlement—areas of potential agricultural value. Of a total of 31,900,000 acres of such lands, 13,400,000 are "grey wooded".

There is of course a pressing need for more soil laboratories in all parts of the West—in fact in all parts of Canada. But there is at this time a special reason why research should be carried out without delay in the grey wooded areas.

"AFTER THE WAR"

In reference to the British bacon and beef contracts and other agricultural policies, the term "after the war" is sometimes used by Federal authorities to indicate a kind of focal point in time, with special bearing upon those policies.

In view of the fact that it is now considered possible that German resistance may completely be overcome, not at a particular moment, but in protracted stages, and also that the conclusion of the war in Europe will probably coincide in time with the defeat of Japan, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture has asked the Dominion Minister of Agriculture to define the meaning of the words "after the war" clearly.

We think the request is a reasonable one, and that it may easily be complied with. Some important decisions by producers concerning livestock and other agricultural production programs cannot be made intelligently until this is done.

"The people are better informed on the nature of the world than are the newspapers most of them read."—Orson Welles in *Free World*.

Gave Effective Aid in Public Ownership Venture in Quebec

Credit Unions to Rescue When Attempt Made to Destroy Government Credit

Decided and decisive action on the part of co-operative credit unions in Quebec in coming to the aid of the Provincial Government in its venture into the field of public ownership, was described by J. A. Marion, Vice-President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in addressing the banquet of the Alberta Wheat Pool, held during the recent annual meeting in Calgary. Ben S. Plumer, chairman of the Pool Board, was toastmaster.

Movement Acted Quickly

Mr. Marion said that after the Montreal Light Heat and Power Company was taken over, there was an effort by certain financial interests to destroy the credit of the Government. Provincial bonds were being put on the market and, with no buyers, were dropping in price. The credit union movement acted quickly, buying up the bonds as they were offered, until they had acquired a million dollars' worth and the attempt was given up.

The resources of the credit unions, with liquid assets of almost \$100,000,000 represented "drops and trickles of the people's money," declared Mr. Marion.

Education in Co-operative Principles

Urging the need to educate members in co-operative principles, Mr. Marion said that many farmers had seen the "ugly sight of a sow eating young pigs," but a still uglier sight was that of pigs eating sow—members forsaking their co-operative organization when it most needed their loyal support. If this happens, it can be

Jews Have Exceptionally Fine Enlistment Record

Although Jews form only 1-1/2 per cent of the population of Canada, the number who have enlisted in the armed services represents 7.57 per cent of the total population, it was revealed in a detailed report presented to the Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto last week. More than 15,000 Jewish men and women are in the Canadian Army and R.C.A.F., and there are 500 in the navy. The total is thus well over the number that would be required in a full strength infantry division.

attributed to failure in educational effort, he asserted. In Quebec, 35,000 farmers paid \$2 a year each for co-operative literature and advice; more than 66,000 paid \$1 a year for a co-operative journal.

Any effort to divide Eastern co-operators from those in the West would fail, concluded Mr. Marion; in face of any threat to any part of the co-operative movement Canadian co-operators, east and west, would stand "shoulder to shoulder, one solid block."

Mr. Marion, who described himself as a "plain dirt farmer," is president of l'Union Catholique des Cultivateurs.

Cheques totalling \$20,591,047 on 1940 wheat participation certificates have been mailed from Ottawa, said Hon. J. A. MacKinnon this week, and on the 1941 and 1942 crops cheques to an aggregate value of over \$35,000,000 are being sent out.

U.S.S.R. COLLECTIVE FARMS

The U.S.S.R. has 243,000 collective farms and more than 4,000 state farms, stated Prof. A. I. Nikolaev at a recent meeting of the National Congress for Canadian-Soviet Friendship.

ROBERT GARDINER (Continued from page 1)

In Common People's Cause

Mr. Gardiner has lived a life devoted to the active service of the cause of the common people from his early manhood onward. Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, sixty-five years ago, at the age of ten he left Scotland to live in Nottingham, England, and subsequently spent a great part of his youth in Yorkshire, where he completed his education and entered commercial life. Later he moved to London. In the year 1902 he came to Canada, and it was while he was working for a member of the Territorial Grain Growers' Association at Indian Head that he made his first contact with the movement in which he was to play a distinguished role.

The territorial Grain Growers' Association had been formed in 1901, and in 1902 it began its first important campaign against the abuses then so widely prevalent in the handling of farmers' grain at local elevators.

The experience which Mr. Gardiner had gained in the trades union movement in Britain, and his knowledge of economics, to the study of which he had long been devoted, made it plain to him that organization of producers on an industrial basis was an essential step to effective social construction.

Homesteading at North Battleford in 1903, he joined the first Grain Growers' Local formed in the district, and remained an active member of the Local until, some years later, he left to settle in Alberta. He was a member of the first municipal council formed in the North Battleford district in which he lived.

Moves to Excel

In 1910 he filed on South African Veteran Scrip land near Excel, Alberta, taking up permanent residence there in 1912.

Mr. Gardiner joined the U.F.A. a few days after his arrival in the Province, and has remained in continuous

Says Farmer Has Big Stake in "Full Employment"

If employment throughout the U.S. at substantially the 1943 levels can be maintained after the war, domestic and foreign markets for American farm products would be sufficient to absorb a total output not greatly different from the 1943 volume, stated H. R. Tolley, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U.S., recently. "The farmer's stake in full employment can hardly be over-emphasized," he said.

membership. Always active in the affairs of local self-government, he was elected to the Council of Golden Centre Rural Municipality for the year 1914, and was reeve from 1915 until after his election to Parliament in 1921. Upon the formation of the Municipal Hail Insurance Board in 1919 he became a member, and for three years was Vice-president of the Municipal Districts Association, from which he retired in 1922.

First U.F.A. Member of Parliament

Mr. Gardiner's name was the one selected from twelve submitted to the nominating Convention of the Medicine Hat U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association in 1921, on the occasion of the historic Medicine Hat by-election. He was returned to Ottawa as the first U.F.A. Member of Parliament by a spectacular majority in excess of 9,700, including a clear majority in the city of Medicine Hat. His opponent lost his deposit, establishing a precedent in this respect which was followed in the general elections of 1921, 1925, 1926 and 1930, until his defeat in the Province-wide landslide of 1935.

Mr. Gardiner succeeded the late Dr. H. W. Wood as President of the U.F.A. in January, 1931.

Mr. Gardiner is a member of the Agricultural Sub-committee of the Committee on Post-War Reconstruction set up by the Alberta Government.

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Thoughts and a Message on the Christmas Season . . .

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Dear Fellow Members:

Another Christmas season is with us and to many of us our first thoughts will be with our sons, daughters, father and/or sweethearts who are, at the present time, in the King's Services. May we wish for them all a speedy and safe return to their homes and loved ones.

Sad Christmas for Many
This Christmas season can to some of us be sad, for you may have received some news, such as "Severely Wounded", "Missing in Action", or even "they have given their All". Those of us who have as yet been more fortunate in not having received any such news extend to you, our sincerest sympathy, for we, like the rest, are hoping and praying that this war will soon be over.

you of their appreciation of your loyalty to our Dairy Co-operative. We also extend our good wishes to the personnel and management of each of our plants. Just as the work on the farms is not so easy in war time, the work in our plants has not been too easy, and we trust that certain operating problems more frequent in times of confusion like these, will be non-existent before another Christmas season arrives.

After the war, of course, we shall have peace and when peace comes let us make it as lasting as possible. This will be our sixth "War" Christmas and it is our sincere wish that in a year from now there will be peace and when it comes, may it embody "Good Will to All Men."

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*A Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year to You All.*

Fraternally yours,

Gas. A. Wood

President.

An Expression of Appreciation

On behalf of the Board of Directors of your Dairy Pool, may I express to you these thoughts for them, and at the same time tell

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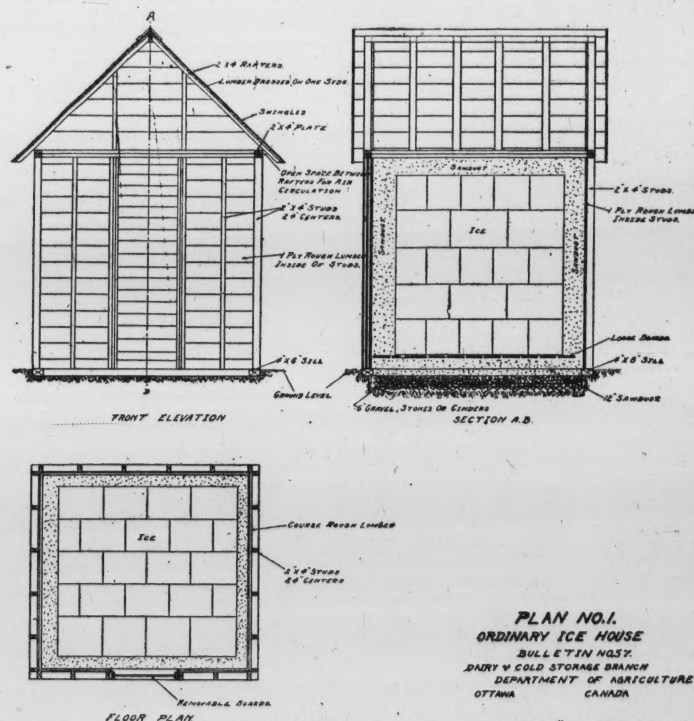
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Building a Simple Ice House . . .

By ELLIS A. JOHNSTONE

It is rather a pity, especially at the Christmas Season, to bother our minds with practical things, but it seems that time and circumstances are no respecters of feelings and so, perhaps you will permit us (after you read our President's Christmas message to you) to direct your attention for a few minutes to an item of *real* importance to you all. That is: "Providing some method of refrigeration of Dairy Products."



The Ice House is one way in which this problem can be taken care of. Some of us already have one or have an Ice House or Ice Well. (see description in September 1st issue of *The Western Farm Leader*); but many of us have neither, or any other proper means of caring for milk, cream or eggs. May we direct your attention to the plan and the directions on the construction of an Ice House?

NOW is the time to get one provided, for Spring is just three months away.

Simple Matter

The storage of a few blocks of ice for summer use is a very simple matter where the ice is readily available. Any unoccupied corner of a shed will serve for the purpose. A rough board enclosure ten feet square and eight feet high will hold enough ice to provide 50 lbs. per day for 130 days, after allowing for a reasonable amount of wastage. The smaller the quantity stored, the larger is the proportion of waste. The Plan below based on a pamphlet by the Dominion Department of Agriculture which we have referred to before, will be found of interest:

The bottom of the enclosure should be covered with about one foot of sawdust. If the soil underneath is impervious clay, it will be all the better if there are a few inches of gravel under the sawdust. In putting in

the ice the boards can be taken away from one side and replaced after the ice is in position. A space of one foot, to be filled with sawdust, should be left between the ice and the boards,
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A Message from the Editor

To Our Members:

We have asked the Editor of The Western Farm Leader for a short Christmas Message and it appears immediately below this note.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith are among the Pioneers of the Co-operative Movement in Alberta. They publish an exceedingly fine farm paper.

The Western Farm Leader is recognized throughout Canada and we are happy to have them extend to our membership the Season's Greetings.

J. A. WOOD

President.

First of all, let us say how greatly we both appreciate Mr. Wood's kind reference to ourselves and our work in the movement.

If there is one truth which the economic history of Western Canada has demonstrated more conclusively than any other, it is, in our judgment, that the farm people cannot hope to obtain their rightful share of the national income without transforming the system, increasingly monopolistic, which is misnamed "free enterprise".

No other class is dependent for survival in greater degree than the farming class, upon the building up of an economic system based upon the principles of co-operation.

Hope For the Future

But the building up of co-operative institutions is not only essential to the health of the industry of agriculture. To a war-torn world, the working out of a new order of life, based upon these principles, offers the one hope for the future.

Those who contribute to the success of any single co-operative enterprise, help at the same time to guarantee the future well-being of their own and their neighbors' families, and to bring nearer the day when the Christmas message, "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will" shall be realized in deed and in truth.

Every member of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, every officer and member of the staff, who by loyal support contributes to the Pool's success, is doing something to bring lasting peace throughout the world nearer to attainment.

It is in this belief and in this spirit that we have pleasure in extending to the membership and to all who are associated with the Pool, the Season's Greetings. Our warmest Good Wishes.

—THE EDITOR.

A SIMPLE ICE-HOUSE

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and the ice should be covered with about the same thickness. It is the sawdust which keeps the ice from melting. The drier the sawdust is the better the ice will keep, and it is a good plan, as the ice is removed during the summer, to throw out from time to time the driest of the sawdust where it will be under cover and continue to dry out and thus be in better condition to be used again the following year. The ice should be cut in blocks of uniform size and packed as closely together as possible.

Erecting Special Ice House

If it is necessary to erect a special ice-house, the roughest kind of a shed that will keep out the weather is all that is necessary. Poles may be driven into the ground and lined up on the inside with rough lumber or slabs, leaving a space of about three-eighths of an inch between each board, and the whole covered with a roof to keep out the rain.

The plan shows the construction of a building with 2- by 4-inch studding lined with rough lumber inside, and a space of three-eighths of an inch left between each board. If for any

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reason a building with a better finish and appearance is desired, the outside of the studs may be covered with clapboards, shiplap or other siding, with ample ventilation above the ice. Ventilation can be provided by leaving the spaces between the rafters open, or by placing louver openings in the gable ends. It is also advisable to leave a two-inch space at the bottom and top of the clapboards, which will provide a circulation of air between the studs, and help to keep the sawdust dry.

Other Kinds of Packing

If sawdust cannot be obtained, planer mill shavings may be used for packing the ice, or in cases where neither is available, hay may be used as a packing or covering material.

Marsh or "slough" hay or any fine wild hay which grows in low places

gives the best results. If hay is used, the space around the ice or between the ice and the walls instead of being only one foot, should be at least two feet, and into this space the hay must be well packed. The ice should also be covered with about two feet of the hay.

Since the war began, over 9,500,000 pairs of military footwear have been made in Canada.

December 21st, the date of the opening of the Toad Lane co-operative store in Rochdale, a hundred years ago, will be marked by hundreds of meetings, dinners, and celebrations by branches of the co-operative movement in the U.S. state officials of the Co-operative League.



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Alberta Wheat Pool Delegates in Convention

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it needs is to be protected against a loss. If the Government wanted to tax co-operatives that was one thing, the speaker said, but to tax co-operatives on income was a false procedure.

Pool Membership

The Board of Directors reported that the Alberta Wheat Pool had an increase in membership of 1,895 grain producers during the 1943-44 season. The membership increase since 1939 was 10,080. The membership of the Alberta organization is now 59,698 farmers.

Car Order Book

C. M. Hamilton, member of the Board of Grain Commissioners, addressed the meeting of Alberta Wheat Pool delegates. He emphasized the importance of maintaining the quality of Western Canada's wheat. Canada was the only country to sell wheat overseas on the basis of a "certificate final," he said, and this meant a great deal to Canadian farmers.

Mr. Hamilton dealt with the distribution of freight cars to elevator companies, going back into what had happened during the war years. He said the Wheat Board had tried to arrange an equitable distribution of cars but their efforts met with general dissatisfaction on the part of both farmers' elevators and line elevator companies.

At the start of the present crop year the responsibility of distributing cars was placed under the Board of Grain Commissioners. That body decided to re-establish the car order book, with an amendment providing that cars can be ordered when the wheat is in any position in the farmer's hands and two or more farmers can join together to order a single car.

Terminal Operations

George McConnell, vice-president of the Manitoba Pool Elevators, reported on the joint operation of terminal facilities between the Alberta Wheat Pool and Manitoba Pool Elevators at the head of the lakes. These facilities have 7 per cent of the total terminal capacity at the lakehead, but last year handled 14 per cent of all grain delivered at that point. Operations netted excess earnings of \$834,000 of which the Alberta Pool's share was \$379,000. Earnings are allocated on the basis of grain delivered.

International Wheat Agreement

W. A. MacLeod, Director of Publicity for the Canadian Wheat Pool, gave an explanation of the World Wheat Agreement. This arrangement was for the purpose of dividing available world markets in an equitable manner among the large wheat exporting nations on the following basis:

Nation	Percentage
United States.....	16
Australia.....	19
Argentina.....	25
Canada.....	40

Mr. MacLeod said that Europe has demonstrated during the war years that it is almost self-sufficient in regard to food. There is a real danger of recurring wheat surpluses and cut-throat competition for markets in the post-war years. The purpose of the agreement is to obviate price wars. Each country, knowing the approximate volume of wheat exports it would have, could govern itself accordingly. Canada, for instance, could continue quota regulations. Each farmer would be entitled to a fair share in the market and any surplus production could be stored on the farms.

Pool Insurance Results

R. N. Dancer, manager of the two Wheat Pool insurance subsidiaries, reported total earnings for the past business year of \$337,831.19. This covers the operations of the two organizations, Canadian Pool Agencies, Limited, and Pool Insurance Company, which are owned by the three prairie Wheat Pools. The former does a commission business while the latter carries a certain volume of insurance on its own account. The bulk of the insurance is carried on Pool properties and grain stocks. Excess earnings

are returned to each Pool on the basis of business done with the organizations.

Members' Equity

The auditors' report on the finances of the Alberta Wheat Pool was read to the delegates of the Alberta Wheat Pool Convention on November 30th by K. J. Morrison of the firm of Harvey, Morrison and Company, chartered accountants.

The excess of current assets over current liabilities as at July 31, 1944, was \$6,546,778.06, an improvement of over \$1,100,000 over the figures for the previous year. The equity of the members in the organization was given as \$7,690,972.72, an increase of over \$972,000 over the figures of the previous year.

Redistribution

The Pool delegates approved of a plan providing for a redistribution of Pool districts and sub-districts. The purpose of this step is to bring the size of the districts into line with the changes in Pool membership.

A general election of delegates under the new set-up will be held in 1945. Delegates in the even-numbered sub-districts will be elected for one year and those in the odd-numbered sub-districts will be elected for two years. Succeeding elections of delegates will be for two year terms, half of the body being elected each year. The membership is now 59,698.

Resolutions Are Adopted

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool Delegates concluded on Wednesday, December 6th. The last day of the session was taken up mainly in the discussion of resolutions.

One resolution requested the Federal Government to eliminate all speculative trading in grain and to establish the Canadian Grain Board as the sole marketing agency for all grain.

A resolution moved by T. A. Petersen asked that surplus war material such as tractors, trucks, cars and other essential farm machinery should be disposed of by the War Assets Board under a permit system.

The Convention expressed decided opposition to the present system of advanced time and passed a resolution asking the Board of Directors to approach the Provincial Government with a request that Alberta be put back on Standard time or, failing that, on Pacific daylight time. T. W. Bullock was the mover of the resolution.

A resolution on the retirement of reserves, moved by John Hallett, was passed. This instructed the Board of Directors to bring in a plan for the retirement of elevator and commercial reserve reductions made in the early years of the Pool.

Another resolution which was passed

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requested the Board to extend the Pool country elevator system so that more space would be available to the membership. This was moved by H. H. Turner.

A resolution moved by J. M. Wheatley requested that an effort be made to have the interest rate on money borrowed by the Wheat Pools and the Canadian Wheat Board reduced to 3 per cent. This was carried.

Resolutions moved by G. T. Scott and S. S. Romanchuk called for closer co-operation between delegates, superintendents and elevator agents, and also asked for an energetic defence of the Wheat Pool against line elevator companies' attacks.

Flood Relief Fund

On motion of E. R. Lewis a contribution of \$5,000 was voted to the relief fund of the Pembina and Paddle River district. Last spring floods devastated an area of 400 square miles, causing widespread loss to farmers.

A motion by Carl Antonson asked that steps be taken to have the Prairie Farm Assistance Act extended to provide relief for flooded areas as well as drouth areas. This was passed.

The Federal Government was asked to retain the present initial prices on all grain, including the equalization payments on oats and barley, in a resolution moved by Gerald Oberg. This was carried.

Mr. Oberg also moved that the Wheat Pool provide four scholarships at the University of Alberta with a value of \$750 each per year for a period of five years, these to be open to farmers' sons and daughters. As this resolution came in towards the end of the convention it was tabled until the next annual meeting.

Earnings Distribution Delayed

Disposition of earnings made during the 1943-44 crop year was decided by Alberta Wheat Pool delegates. The amount involved is approximately \$1,300,000 but distribution will be held in abeyance until the matter of Federal income taxes is finally cleared up.

The proposal adopted provides for payment of patronage dividends in cash or reserves as follows, subject to income tax decision.

For deliveries to Alberta Pool elevators in the crop year 1943-44: 4c a bushel for wheat and flax and 2c a bushel for oats, barley and rye.

Deliveries to Alberta Pool terminals but not through Pool country elevators: 1-1/2c a bushel for wheat and flax and 1c a bushel for oats, barley and rye.

Deliveries to Alberta Pool country elevators but diverted by patron to other than Pool terminals: 1c a bushel on wheat, flax, oats, barley and rye.

Pool Directors Re-elected

The election of Wheat Pool directors took place on December 5th and resulted in the re-election of all the sitting directors, namely, Ben S. Plumer, C. Jensen, G. G. Coote, Lew Hutchinson, W. J. Blair, E. K. Keith, G. L. Harrold.

Subsequently Mr. Plumer was elected chairman and Mr. Keith vice-chairman.

The railroad system in India is the fourth largest in the world, being exceeded in mileage only by those of Russia, the U.S., and Canada.

Want to Ensure Pasturage for Bees on Roadside

Growing importance of bee-keeping in Alberta was recognized in a resolution adopted by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture last week which asked the Alberta Government to take steps to ensure the growth of clover along roadsides as bee pasturage until after the blossoming period in late August, and also asked officers of municipal districts where practicable to have roadsides, ditches and waste ground seeded to alsike or other nectar producing clovers.

School children in Eastern Canada collected this fall nearly 200,000 bags of milkweed pods, the floss from which will be used to make life preservers.

WAR DIARY

Nov. 30th.—Americans advance along Roer River. Nazis recapture three Italian towns. No losses of aircraft in yesterday's bombing of Tokyo, announced. Entire Jap convoy, 13 ships, sunk in past two days by U.S. fighter planes.

Dec. 1st.—Germans retreat across Roer and Saar Rivers. German targets struck by 11,000 Allied aircraft, in past two days. Russians tighten ring around Budapest. DeGaulle in Moscow. Canadian Army casualties to October 31st total 58,943.

Dec. 2nd.—Americans enter Saarlautern, on Saar. Indians in Italy capture Albereto. Russians advance towards Austria, across south-west Hungary. Swedish estimate places German killed, in Europe and Africa, at 2,400,000.

Dec. 3rd.—British on north front attack Venlo. Russians take three rail centres, cutting Budapest communications. Superforts bomb aircraft plant near Tokyo. Greek police fire on demonstrators in Athens.

Dec. 4th.—British drive into Venlo; Americans within 7 miles of Saarbrücken. Street fighting between E.L.A.S. and police continues in Athens.

Dec. 5th.—British troops aid Athens police; Britain will fight against imposition "Communist dictatorship by violence," declares Churchill. U.S. State Department issues pointed declaration against outside interference in Italy and "liberated countries". Canadians take Ravenna. Americans penetrate Siegfried Line defences beyond Saarlautern. British drive enemy across Maas. Berlin struck by almost 2,000 U.S. heavy bombers; attack follows 12,000-ton onslaught by Allied airmen on enemy rail centres.

Dec. 6th.—Americans cross Saar in four places. Russian column pushes to forty miles from Austrian frontier. Eighth Army crosses Lamone, south-west of Faenza. E.L.A.S. supporters march into Athens, fighting against Greek regulars and British.

Dec. 7th.—American tanks push to less than four miles from Saarbrücken. Sinking of Canadian corvette *Shawinigan* announced, 85 of crew missing. Russians break through Nazi defences north of Budapest. R.A.F., R.C.A.F., bomb Nazi oil plant, rail centres. Superforts attack Jap plants in Manchuria.

Dec. 8th.—Americans take Fort Driant, near Metz. Fighting continues in Athens; British House of Commons gives Churchill vote of confidence but many members abstain from voting. Halifax states U.S.-British understanding reached on Italian, Greek crises.

Dec. 9th.—Canadians take Fort Crevecoeur, just south of Maas, Americans fight inside Sarreguemines. Forty-mile Russian advance northeast Budapest announced. Eighth Army gains three miles. E.L.A.S. troops destroy bridge at Piraeus, control large part of Athens. Japs say Tokyo again bombed by Superforts. Chinese retake Shangssu, rail centre.

Dec. 10th.—Americans take Ormoc. Coblenz, Bingen, heavily bombed. Stubborn German resistance slows Italian advance. E.L.A.S. hold most of Athens police stations, reported. Chinese take Hsiasu, Kweichow province almost cleared of Japs. Russo-French treaty signed.

Dec. 11th.—Record U.S. air fleet, R.A.F., bombs rail centres in west Germany. Haguenau falls to Americans. Russians expel American mission from Bulgaria. Epidemic, food shortage, threatens Athens. V-bombs killed 716 in United Kingdom in November, announced. German prisoners taken on Western Front now total 752,641.

Dec. 12th.—Russians fight inside Budapest, city burning. Americans push to mile from Duren, reach Seltz. R.A.F., U.S. planes from Britain and Italy bomb Nazi refinery, rail centres. General Alexander, Harold Macmillan, representing British Cabinet, in

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Christmas Greetings

The Management and Staff of Maple Leaf Petroleum Ltd. wish to convey to the members and patrons of the U.F.A. Co-operatives heartiest wishes for

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Thoughts on the Holiday Season

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In the majority of our homes this will, no doubt, be the holiday season. To be sure in some homes there may be little done to make it what it is in others—the great festive season of the year. But if a survey were taken we should find a goodly number of Christmas cakes had been baked, puddings made and something added to the usual fare of every-day life.

Many Seasonal Activities

And that is only one phase of the extra activity. There is the giving and receiving of gifts, the writing of letters and cards, the decorating of homes and public buildings, the visiting and the entertaining of guests, the special services in the churches. In these war years, when so many have gone from our homes and from country homes in particular, there is the joy of home-coming of some absent member of the family. There will be Christmas music and dances and entertainments. Isn't the Christmas entertainment at the school one of the great social events, if not the event of the year for us country people? So take it all in all, it is hard for anyone to escape some form of this celebration, some repetition of customs either personal, local or general.

And happy are we to have them and much fun do we have recalling the old jokes we have on each other, telling old tales and recounting old adventures.

Unfortunately, to most of us who are older and who begin to look back there are some things we would gladly forget and others we should be the better for forgetting. There are failures, the memories of which somewhat dishearten us and take from the fullest effort being made once again. There are sorrows which bring sadness whenever recalled, but some people seem to cherish these memories as though they had been particularly singled out for life's hard knocks. There are grievances and hurts and blows to pride which some others seem to treasure in their memories and again and again recall as if afraid they might be forgotten.

Some of us may bemoan at times that our memories are not what they should be. But sometimes "forgetteries" are as helpful. Is it not true that the less time we spend in recalling the sadnesses, the sorrows, the troubles and grievances we have, the more time and thought we shall have for constructive helpfulness?

Our Prejudices and Grievances

Almost all of us have some of these prejudices and grievances; sometimes only in the family, but more often community ones which we seem loath to have pass from our memories. We hark back in our minds to the little incident which keeps the little flame of prejudice or dislike still burning. When we stop to think, it adds neither to our lives nor to the lives of others. It frequently blinds our judgment and we neither give nor receive the best as far as these others are concerned.

Is not this a most appropriate time—this last of the old year—to take ourselves in hand? Instead of cultivating our memories, try the reverse and try and forget our little grievances, our prejudices and our dislikes. We could well admonish ourselves, "Forgetting those things which are behind."

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELA SPENCER.

Hillside U.F.W.A. recently enjoyed a paper by Mrs. Tipper, on Legislation, and an account by Mrs. Ross of the Composite High Schools to be set up by the Department of Education.

The handsome sum of \$162.41 was realized by Grand Meadow U.F.W.A. from their bazaar. At a recent meeting articles donated by members (buns, honey, aprons, cot covers, eggs, chicken, canned vegetables) were auctioned off, yielding \$26.55 for the Not Forgotten Fund.

Arrowwood U.F.W.A. are helping finance an addition to the kitchen of the U.F.A. Hall, writes Mrs. E. J. Fleming, and are sponsoring a concert to raise funds for taxes on the building. By a sale of aprons and miscellaneous articles, they made \$26.87 for their Sunshine Fund.

Farm Home and Garden

Chicken Barbecue: Joint a chicken, about 4 lbs., coat each piece with flour, and brown in 4 tbs. melted fat. Remove pieces as browned. Prepare and slice 6 each medium potatoes, onions, carrots. Put about two-thirds of vegetables in Dutch oven or heavy covered pan, lay chicken on top, cover with remaining vegetables. Combine 1 tbs. sugar, 2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 2-1/2 cups canned tomatoes, 1 cup boiling water, pour over chicken. Cover, bake in moderately slow oven for two hours, or until tender. Thicken liquid with 3 tbs. flour.

Chocolate Peppermint Cookies: Melt 2 oz. unsweetened chocolate, add 1/4 cup mild flavored fat and 1/2 cup sugar. Add 1 egg, 1 tsp. milk, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, a few drops oil of peppermint. Sift together 1-1/4 cups flour, scant teaspoon baking powder, 1/4 tsp. baking soda, 1/4 tsp. salt, and add to first mixture. Roll very thin, and bake in moderate oven about 8 minutes.

Mincemeat: 3 cups apples, chopped, 2 cups raisins, chopped, 3 tbs. lemon or other tart fruit juice, 1/4 cup cup water or cider, 1/4 cup mixed peel,

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News of U.F.W.A. Locals

Spring Valley U.F.W.A. decided to raise funds for their delegate's expenses by a supper and bazaar.

No less than \$135.50 was made for the Prisoners of War Fund by a novel pie social held by Jenny Lind U.F.W.A. (Seandia).

By raffling a picture painted by Mrs. George Goudie, one of their members, Bassano U.F.W.A. realized \$100 for the Prisoners of War Fund.

Other Local news held over.

Junior News Items

Conrich Juniors have decided to put on a play this winter.

Ministik Junior U.F.A. recently sponsored a concert and dance in aid of the Queen's Canadian Fund.

A spelling bee was arranged by Balzac Junior U.F.A. for their December meeting, when ways and means of raising funds were also discussed. The recent Mock Trial was good fun, reports Joyce Shuttleworth, most of the dialogue and "business" being improvised on the spot.

The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,
K.C., LL.D.

Paid-up subscribers may submit questions, to be answered free of cost in this section, but not by mail.

Reply to Enquiry

Exchange on Remittance

W.C.T.—Your inquiry is entirely a matter of exchange on a remittance from the United States with respect to which any Chartered Bank will give you the correct information.

Generally speaking there should be a premium on funds sent from United States unless the remittance in some way provides otherwise.

Without seeing the document representing the remittance I cannot give any further opinion.

To Set Up Health Committee

Directors of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture were instructed by the Annual meeting last week to set up a Health Committee composed of both men and women, this being regarded as "absolutely necessary for the co-ordination of Canadian policies through the Canadian National Health Committee." Hon. George Hoadley, when addressing the meeting, pointed out that in cases he had observed a majority of women had been appointed to such committees.

OTTAWA LETTER

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in line being Manitoba with the figure of 162,000. In a total sheep and lamb production for 1945 of 1,137,500 head an increase of 3 per cent—Alberta is put down at 297,000 head, Ontario 292,000 and Quebec 204,000 head.

Wheat Reduction Recommended

A reduction of nearly 2,000,000 acres in the area to be sown in wheat in 1945 is recommended by the conference. At the same time, an increase in the acreage of oats and barley is considered essential. It was agreed among the delegates that there would likely be a pretty fair demand for wheat during 1945, but to meet this there are the substantial supplies on hand and the celerity with which production can be increased in the liberated areas of Europe. It would therefore be good business to cut down on the acreage which in 1944 amounted to 23,284,000 acres. The Canadian

producer would be in a stronger position to negotiate export sales after the war if he wasn't hampered at the outset by unwieldy supplies. The case was different with feed grains. There was a stronger outlook for the livestock market.

Increased Egg Exports

The export of eggs in 1945 is expected to increase to 104,610,000 dozen, compared with the 79,929,750 dozen in 1944. The total egg production in 1945 is aimed to reach 397,263,000 dozen, an increase of about 22,500,000 dozen over 1944. The heavy export trade in eggs to Britain has been made possible in the main by the development of the egg-drying industry in this country.

There has been no announcement as yet of the expected acreage to be sown to flaxseed. A sharp increase in acreage is expected in other oilseed

crops and the production of all seed crops with the exception of sweet clover and brome grass seed.

Value of Conferences Proved

It appeared to be the consensus of opinion at the Conference that the various conferences held during the war years have proved of such value to the industry that they should be continued in post-war years. The value comes in part from their being not bureaucratic but genuinely democratic institutions. These are days when a great deal is heard of national unity or disunity, but certainly these conferences, with the mixing of delegates not only around the conference table and in committees but afterwards in friendly discussions, helps to break down the invisible but sometimes strong barriers raised by distances and lack of understanding of conditions in different parts of the

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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Total available supplies of wheat in Canada after probable domestic requirements have been deducted exceeds 648 million bushels for the current crop year, states G. L. Burton, editor of "The Monthly Review of the Wheat Situation" (Ottawa). The figure for last year at the same time was 699.1 millions.

Exports of wheat and wheat flour during the first three months of the present crop year totalled 85.6 million bushels which was 17.2 millions larger than for the same period last year. Should this rate be maintained, Canada's exports in the current crop year will exceed the 344 million bushels exported during the 1943-44 season. George Melvor, chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board, has intimated that the Canadian carry-over may be as low as 200 million bushels. If that is realized exports of wheat from this country this year will reach 448 million bushels, or 104 millions more than last year.

Conditions in Australia have not improved any and the wheat production figure is still placed at 50 million bushels. Argentina experienced widespread rains and production there is placed at 200 million bushels. The prospective carry-over in Argentina is placed at 145 million bushels, providing total supplies of 345 million bushels. As domestic requirements approximate 105 million bushels that country will have 240 million bushels of wheat to export.

On the other hand, Australia's carry-over stocks totalled only 89 million bushels on the first of November. Adding thereto 50 million bushels production, provides only 139 million bushels total supplies. There will not be much wheat exported from Australia in the next twelve months.

U.S. May Export Wheat

It is suggested that the United States is likely to re-appear as a substantial wheat exporter this crop year and may dispose of as much as 100 million bushels of wheat in that manner without materially reducing the carry-over below 315 million bushels. In order to facilitate exports, the United States has inaugurated a bonus system. U.S. wheat exported from Atlantic ports is subsidized to the extent of 34c a bushel, and from Pacific ports 29c a bushel. These subsidies bring the price of U.S. wheat in the export market down to the Canadian level while maintaining domestic prices of wheat on a parity basis.

The United States has announced a wheat acreage objective of 66.6 million acres for 1945-46. This is about the same as the 1943-44 acreage.

In Europe a rainy, late autumn season has curtailed the seeding of winter grain. In the United Kingdom much of this year's wheat has sprouted, due to a wet harvest season. Such grain is not suitable for flour milling and will be used as feed.

Poultry sold to restaurant keepers and other purveyors of meals must not be sold for more than ten per cent above the maximum wholesale ceiling prices, states the W.P.T.B.

WAR DIARY

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Athens. Japs begin evacuation Tokyo. Chinese troops from north reinforce southern armies.

Dec. 13th.—Essen, Osnabruck, oil plants in Austria and Germany, rail centres in Frankfurt area, targets heavy Allied air attacks. Americans open new drive in Duren area. E.L. A.S. press attacks in Athens. British Labor Party urge armistice in Greece, provisional government and free election. Superforts again bomb Jap cities. Eighth convoy attempting bring reinforcements to Japs on Leyte broken up by Americans.

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Dec. 12th.—In the past few days all classes of good butchers moved easily at steady to firm prices, but plain and in-between kinds were hard to move. The high for the week was \$11.25 for a small lot of choice weighty steers, the bulk of the good to choice steers trading for \$10.50 to \$11; best butcher heifers sold mostly from \$10 down. Good light cows \$7 to \$7.50 down. Stockers and feeders, under limited demand, only the better kinds moving at \$8.50 down to \$5.50; veal calves under limited demand, from top price of \$11 down to a low of \$5. Hogs, Grade A \$16.35, B1 \$15.95. Lambs firm, good to choice handyweights \$10 to \$10.50.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 12th.—Hogs are unchanged at \$16.35 for Grade A, yards and plants, sows \$9.35 to \$9.50, liveweight. Good lambs are \$11.50. Good to choice butcher steers \$10.75 to \$11.25, down to \$10.50 for common kinds; good cows \$7.50 to \$8, down to \$6; good calves \$9 to \$9.50, down to \$7.50 for common kinds; stocker and feeder steers \$8.50 to \$9, common to medium \$6.50 to \$8.

The Dairy Market

Creamery butter stocks in Canada, at December 1st, totalled 34,629,773, a considerable drop from the figure for the same date in 1943—39,511,122 pounds. All markets are at the ceiling—35 cents; local butterfat is unchanged at 32 plus 10c subsidy.

Vancouver solids are 35 cents.

Sections on the symptoms and treatment of the commoner diseases affecting dairy cattle are among the many useful features of "Care and Feeding of Dairy Cattle", by the Department of Animal Science of the University of Alberta, distributed by the Department of Extension, Edmonton.

Red Bobs Is Still Most Popular in Alberta

Though Red Bobs continues to slip a little, it is still the most popular variety of wheat grown in Alberta, by a wide margin, states Dr. K. W. Neathy, director, Line Elevators Farm Service, in a recent bulletin. This year, it was seeded in 44.2 per cent of the wheat acreage of the Province; Thatcher increased to 16.4 per cent, Marquis declined to 27.3 per cent; Garnet was sown in 6 per cent. These figures are based on unweighted averages of elevator agents' estimates. In Manitoba, Thatcher is in the lead with Regent a close second; and in Saskatchewan, Thatcher continues to increase at the expense of all other varieties.

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MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—The first Canadian eggs in the shell for the United Kingdom since early in the war are part of the perishable traffic the Canadian Pacific Railway will handle this winter in its refrigerator cars, of which there are nearly 4,000 in service, for both freight and express shipments.

These shell eggs, to supplement the dried eggs sent overseas until now to conserve ocean shipping space, will be moved in heated "reefers". Bacon for Britain and fruits, vegetables and other out-of-season commodities for Canadian use make additional traffic for this equipment.

Augmenting Supply of Heaters

Preparations for the egg movement are being made at a time when the C.P.R. is augmenting its supply of heaters for refrigerator cars. Five hundred charcoal-burning heaters ordered last June are being delivered now and a number of underslung propane gas-burning heaters, of a type first used in 1936, also are being installed.

At present there are 5,000 charcoal and 950 propane gas heaters on "reefers" bringing through Canada's sub-zero cold such perishables as apples from the Okanagan Valley, eggs from the prairies, potatoes from the Maritimes and early vegetables and oranges from the United States. In summer the same cars, cooled with ice, provide the low temperatures required then for such traffic.

The propane gas heaters being put on are the same as those provided on 140 new overhead refrigerator cars added this year to bring to 500 the number of overhead cars among the C.P.R.'s "reefer" equipment. This overhead car, of which 200 more are on order for 1945 delivery, is a type which the C.P.R. pioneered on the North American continent eight years ago and since has improved.

A.F.A. CONVENTION

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and expressed the opinion that the A.F.A. method of organization makes for the finest kind of co-operation between farm organizations.

Elimination of all speculative trading in grain, and establishment "of a Canadian Grain Board as the sole marketing agency for all Canadian grain," and establishing of "initial payments", was urged by the delegates.

The convention also called the atten-

tion of authorities to the urgent need for increased supply of farm machinery and repair parts to meet the requirements of farmers.

The authorities were asked to see that "elevators that are filled up be given the preference of cars, so that farmers may have the privilege of delivering their grain where they choose."

To Maintain Hog Production

"In order to assure the production of enough swine to meet our contract with Great Britain," the Directors were instructed "to secure from the Federal authorities an expression as to the need to maintain production, and if this is required, to press for either a larger premium on A and B hogs or a subsidy on hogs which would maintain interest in their continued production."

For Grey Wooded Soil Areas

With a view to enabling districts in grey wooded soil areas to produce a living for large numbers of people by use of more modern and efficient practices, the Dominion Government was asked to equip and operate an experimental farm in the grey wooded soil area of Central Alberta to demonstrate farming practices suitable to these districts.

L. Hendrigan of Winfield stated that undoubtedly with the development of suitable practices, the "grey wooded soil" areas could prove productive, and pointed out that with the return of soldiers from overseas, planning to take up land, this matter will become a most important one. A. M. Wilson, Field Crops Commissioner, gave figures showing that in Alberta areas where there are still possibilities of settlement, brown soil acreage totals 2 million; dark brown 4,200,000; shallow black 4,800,000; black and black transitional 7,500,000 and grey wooded 13,400,000.

F. J. Fitzpatrick, Supervisor of Co-operative Activities, gave a brief address which was very well received.

Since it is in the interest of the Canadian economy as well as that of agriculture that there shall be no return to the pre-war condition under which the total farming population obtained an aggregate income very low indeed (having regard for the fact that they form one-third of the population), the C.F.A. was asked to investigate the practicability of obtaining the support of members of Parliament representing rural constituencies, with a view to remedying this condition.

The Alberta Government was asked to make a thorough investigation of operation of the law prohibiting sale or lease of farm lands to Hutterites, and if as it appears is the case, such land is being leased to members or "former members" of the sect, to take legal proceedings.

Would Cover Flood Losses

Amendment of the P.F.A.A. to take care of losses in the disastrous floods in the Pembina and Paddle River district and similar cases, was sought. (A number of resolutions dealt with are held over.)

A.F.A. Directors

Grain: L. Hutchinson, Duhamel; Livestock: W. C. McKenzie, Lethbridge.

Poultry: J. H. Rhodes, Brant; Wool: R. Scott, Tilley; Dairy: G. E. Church, Balzac; Farm Supplies: M. H. Ward, Arrowwood, replaces N. F. Priestley due to Mr. Priestley's illness; Sugar Beets: P. Baker, President, Lethbridge; United Farmers of Alberta: R. Gardiner, Calgary; Alberta Farmers Union: James Jackson, Irma.

Executive Officers: Chairman, L. Hutchinson; Vice-Chairman, G. E. Church; Second Vice-President, M. H. Ward.

Delegates to Western Agricultural Conference: Messrs. L. Hutchinson, James Jackson, W. C. McKenzie, J. H. Rhodes, P. Baker, R. Scott.

Delegates to Canadian Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting: Messrs. L. Hutchinson, W. C. McKenzie, J. H. Rhodes.

Fraternal Delegate to U.F.A. and A.F.U. Conventions: E. W. Brunsten.

THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

FARMERS' BULLETIN

FARM MACHINERY RATIONING

Until supplies are more nearly in line with consumer demand, the present system of rationing new farm machinery and equipment will be continued. The policy has been endorsed by agricultural authorities as the best method of ensuring delivery of available machinery to farmers most urgently in need of it. To help keep present machinery in operation there is no limit on the production of repair parts and such parts are not rationed.

Farmers are warned not to dispose of old tractors or other rationed farm equipment unless they have a permit from the Board to purchase new equipment next spring.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Schools with facilities for serving hot lunches to pupils during the cold weather may apply to a branch of the Ration Administration for registration as a quota user, thereby obtaining ration documents to purchase rationed commodities. Arrangements will be made only for those who remain at school for the noon lunch because of the distance from home, or because of bad roads and weather conditions. Application must be made by the principal or a teacher, giving the number of pupils staying for lunch.

POTATO STORAGE ALLOWANCE

(Order A-1430, Now in Effect)

To encourage marketing of potatoes in January and February, storage allowances have been adjusted in all parts of Canada. Last year addition of this storage charge was permitted from January 6, with monthly increases to June 1. Under the new order the first storage increase of 5¢ per 75-lb. bag was allowed in November. Another allowance of 5¢ may be claimed on December 1, and a third of 5¢ on January 1. There will be no further storage adjustment for February. Monthly increases will be resumed on March 1, but on a reduced scale from last year.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

The Board is continuing its 1943 policy in regard to farm sale of turkeys this Christmas. Primary producers may charge retail prices for turkeys of their own raising which they sell direct to industrial firms for employee Christmas gifts, to purveyors of meals or to consumers. The price charged must not exceed the retail price set in Order A-1310.

FERTILIZER SUPPLIES

Improved supplies of potash and of animal, fish and other organic substances used for fertilizers have enabled the Board to revoke Orders A-856 and A-870. Larger allocations of potash will permit manufacturers to return to the normal percentage of potash in mixed fertilizers and at the same time meet an expected demand of well over 40,000 tons. Order A-870 prohibited the use in fertilizer of such organic products as bone meal, linseed oil meal, fish scrap, cottonseed meal and bone flour and has been revoked because these products are now more readily available.

Farmers have been advised to get their fertilizer orders in early so that the spring demands can be properly arranged for.

FEED PACKAGES

Limits on the packaging of feeding stuffs in fabric or paper bags have been removed by revoking Order A-306 which provided that fabric bags should not be used for packaging feeding stuffs in less than 100-lb. quantities and paper bag quantities were limited to five, ten, 25, 50 or 100 pounds.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Farmers cutting Christmas trees on their own property are permitted to haul these trees in their own trucks beyond the 35-mile limit. Other persons may not haul trees in trucks beyond this distance.

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ADDLED AXIOMS

Guys who sow their wild oats must expect their chickens to come home to roost.

According to *News Week* a woman asked for a divorce because her husband on leaving home for the office each day marked the soles of her shoes with white chalk so he could tell if she strayed from home. Undoubtedly he objected to her putting her worst foot forward.

TODAY'S DEFINITION

Watered stock: What they sell at the Government Liquor Stores.

And that reminds Knotty Frankie that not all the spirit of Christmas comes in twenty-six ounce bottles.

Our office Cynic declares that a bachelor is a guy who never makes the same mistake once.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

Postcard from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest intimates that with so many of the sweet young things joining the navy it's no wonder sailors lead a naughty life.

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And look more chill
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The letters walking
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In whispered stress
With scanty breath,
In blind black hours
That smell of death.
—John Dillon Husband,
Illinois.

Food, "A clear complexion, a bright eye and glowing appearance are maintained by eating potatoes." Heck, and we thought the little dears got 'em from the druggist and not the green grocer.

Oh, yes, and as Sophisticated Sally remarks, after the Christmas bells are rung a lot of Christmas belles will be ringed.

LET'S PLAY POST OFFICE!

Most of the Frenchmen now charged with collaborating with the Nazis come from business, financial and professional classes, say observers; hardly any Socialists, Communists or trade unionists are among those now detained for trial.

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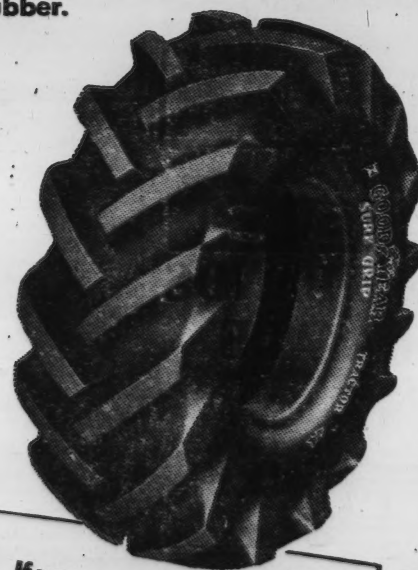
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